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1. From 15~~5~~<sup>6</sup> to 17 August 1951, an engineer unit constructed a pontoon bridge across the Malchow Lake, 3 km north of Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49). A soldier of the unit said that his unit had come from Neustrelitz. The pontoon bridge was subsequently crossed by heavy tanks, some of which were later seen driving toward the Panzer Kaserne in Neuruppin. The equipment of the engineer unit included 34 pontoons and an undetermined number of vehicles.

The engineer unit left Malchow Lake for an undetermined destination during the night of 17 August. (1)

2. A train of 23 flatcars and 7 boxcars observed at Neuruppin railroad station on the morning of 23 August was being loaded with 220 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 11 vehicles, 6 vehicles, 6 vehicles, 11 vehicles, and several vehicles. AT guns; vehicle mounting machine guns; 11 vehicles and several vehicles.

The train left toward Bechlin (N 53/Z 39). (2)

3. Eight amphibious vehicles, proceeded along Karl Marx Strasse, Neuruppin, and went toward Altruppin on 14 August. (3)

4. A train with an engine with its steam up was observed at Kremmen (N 53/Z 57) railroad station on 15 August. The train was headed toward Berlin, and consisted of 20 to 25 gondola cars, each carrying a gun of undetermined caliber; 2 gondola cars, carrying 2 light artillery pieces; and 5 or 6 cars carrying trucks.

(1) Comments: the engineer troops were components of the 413th Indep Pn Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Recz Army, headquarters troops of this army, and engineer

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troops of the 12th Gds Tank Div. The 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn, which left Neubrandenburg on 10 and 11 July 1951 apparently for Jerichow, may have returned to Neuruppin in early August 1951.

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[redacted] arrival of an engineer unit in the Fridericus Kaserne on 4 August 1951.

(2)

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[redacted] the train which left southwestwards carried several components of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

(3)

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Amphibious vehicles of the unidentified (Gds ?) engineer regiment of the GOFG in Bernburg.

(4)

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The train carried a component of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army and came from Jueterbog. It was probably going to Oranienburg, and was also reported [redacted] from Jueterbog. It was one of the trains on which components of the brigade returned to their home station after short training courses at Jueterbog after mid-July 1951.

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